

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump (10) ~~for pumping products of liquid to pasty consistency, which comprises, comprising~~ a drive system (12) that is operatively connected, via a driving shaft (16), to a rotor (36), with a first stator (38) and at least one further spare stator ~~being provided,~~ wherein

characterized in

~~that said~~ first stator (38) and said at least one further spare stator are joined to each other, without a space therebetween, ~~in such a way~~ that said first stator presents an operating region (42) and a spare region (44), with said first stator being reversed or displaced for switching said operating and spare regions.

2. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump according to Claim 1, wherein

characterized in

~~that one~~ said first stator and at least one further spare stator ~~are composed so as to form~~ comprise a stator (38) in a stator envelope.

3. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump according to Claim 2, wherein

characterized in

~~that the~~ a change of ~~the~~ engagement of said rotor from ~~the~~ a used part of the stator to the stator part reserved as a substitute is carried out by ~~reversing~~

moving the stator (38) ~~in its entirety~~ through 180° relative to its a longitudinal axis thereof.

4. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump according to Claim 1, wherein

~~characterized in~~  
that said rotor is connected, via a flexible shaft (22), to said drive system (12), which flexible shaft extends permanently also beyond ~~the a~~ free stator half next to adjacent said drive system.

5. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump according to Claim 1, wherein

~~characterized in~~  
that said stator (38) comprises an intermediate tube (40) ~~that may be arranged~~ arrangeable on both ~~on the a~~ suction-side end and ~~the a~~ delivery-side end of said stator (38).

6. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump according to the Claim 5, wherein

~~characterized in~~  
that said flexible shaft (22) ~~extends~~ is sized to extend to said stator through said intermediate tube (20) up to arranged at the delivery-side end of said stator (38).

7. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump according to  
Claim 1, wherein

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that said stator (38) is ~~conneeted~~ connectable to said a pump casing (26)  
and said terminating tubulure (34) via said a quick-action clamping device (32).